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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO TEXAS
INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS' THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

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Question No. TIEC 3-1:

Please provide a list of the individual(s), by name, involved in the decision to retire Dolet Hills Power Station by the end of 2021.

Response No. TIEC 3-1:

The individuals involved in the decision to retire Dolet Hills Power Station by the end of 2021 were:

- Malcolm Smoak – President & COO, SWEPCO
- Tom Brice – VP Regulatory & Finance, SWEPCO
- Brian Bond – VP External Affairs, SWEPCO
- Lisa Barton – EVP Utilities, AEPSC
- Brian Tierney – CFO, AEPSC
- Dan Lee – SVP Fossil & Hydro, AEPSC

The persons listed below were involved through a support role and had varying levels of involvement leading to the decision:

- John Crespo – Deputy General Counsel, AEPSC
- Melissa Gage – Associate General Counsel, AEPSC
- Matt Satterwhite – VP Regulatory Services, AEPSC
- Bill Allen – Managing Director Regulatory Case Management, AEPSC
- Frank Pifer – VP Project Controls & Construction, AEPSC
- Monte McMahon – VP Generating Assets, SWEPCO
- Mark Becker – Managing Director Resource Planning & Op Analysis, AEPSC
- Lee McGuire – Manager Planning & Analysis Mining Op, AEPSC
- Marc Hunter – Assistant Controller Accounting Policy & Research, AEPSC
- Mike Baird – Managing Director Accounting Policy & Research, AEPSC
- James E. Bass – Manager Planning & Analysis, DHLC
- Renee Hawkins – Managing Director Corporate Finance, AEPSC
- Randy Ryan – Associate General Counsel, AEPSC
- Dennis Meyer – Director Land & Mineral Development, AEPSC
- Curtis Lightle – Mine Manager, DHLC
- Paul Chodak – Executive Vice President Generation, AEPSC

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Question No. TIEC 3-2:

For each individual identified in TIEC 3-2, please:

- a. List all factors considered by the individual in deciding whether to retire Dolet Hills Power Station by the end of 2021.
- b. Provide all documents reviewed or relied upon by the individual in deciding whether to retire Dolet Hills Power Station by the end of 2021.
- c. Provide all communications sent to or from the individual concerning the potential retirement of the Dolet Hills Power Station.

Response No. TIEC 3-2:

- a. The amount of economically recoverable reserves were depleted and the expected costs associated with continued operation of the plant exceeded anticipated market revenues. Additionally, anticipated environmental control costs would have increased operational expenses which would have then further increased the deficit with anticipated market revenues. Consideration of these factors is consistent with the order of the Louisiana Public Service Commission that SWEPCO operate the Dolet Hills plant through at least 2026 contingent on the prudence of such continued operation considering economic, environmental, operational, and other similar factors (LPSC Docket No. U-30975).
- b. Please refer to the Tom Brice workpapers included with the filing . Also, please see SWEPCO's response provided in OPUC 1-11 and the material provided in TIEC 1-17 attachment 1.
- c. Please refer to the response provided in TIEC 1-18.

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Question No. TIEC 3-3:

Please provide the redacted portions of SWEPCO's response to TIEC 1-17 HS Attachment 1.

Response No. TIEC 3-3:

See TIEC 3-3 HS Attachment 1.

The attachment responsive to this request is HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATERIAL under the terms of the Protective Order. Due to current restrictions associated with COVID-19, this information is being provided electronically and a secure login to access the information will be provided upon request to individuals who have signed the Protective Order Certification.

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Question No. TIEC 3-4:

Did SWEPCO consider or analyze obtaining a different fuel source aside from the Dolet Hills or Oxbow mines for operating the Dolet Hills Power Station? If so, please provide all such analyses. If not, please explain why not.

Response No. TIEC 3-4:

No, SWEPCO did not directly analyze any different lignite sources for operating the Dolet Hills Power Station.

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